

To agree with His Excellency that the increased cultivation of the soil and the growth of our trade, as shewn by the official returns, afford the best proofs of rapid progress, and that, among the outward signs of such progress, the opening of the Grand Trunk Railway from *St. Thomas*, in the *East*, to *Stratford*, must hold a prominent place—great cities, like *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Toronto*, which have hitherto been separated in winter by a waste of snow, now enjoying daily intercourse one with the other.

With regard to the internal communications of the Country, to thank His Excellency for the information that he has taken measures for examining the Valley of the *Ottawa*, that great river in which *Upper* and *Lower Canada* are equally interested, with a view to ascertain what facilities its course may hereafter afford for inland traffic,—and to assure His Excellency that the final Report of the Survey of this District, when laid before this House, will have its most attentive consideration.

To agree with His Excellency, that the tract which is on three sides bounded by *Lake Ontario*, the *Ottawa* and *Lake Huron*, is one of vast importance to *Canada*, that its Settlement will add breadth to the Province, and that its lands are such as may fairly attract the industry and reward the toil of a large population; to express the satisfaction with which this House learns that steps have accordingly been taken to intersect parts of this District by roads, and to offer, along the line of such roads, lands on easy terms to actual Settlers, and to concur in opinion with His Excellency, that the banks of the *St. Maurice*, in *Lower Canada*, may be advantageously dealt with in the same manner.

To express to His Excellency the pleasure with which this House learns that exertions have been made to diffuse in *Europe* a knowledge of *Canada* and its resources, and that on these and other grounds His Excellency anticipates in the coming season a considerable increase in the Emigration from *Europe*. To agree with His Excellency that such an increase must be of inestimable value to the Province, and that those who are already in occupation of land will receive a supply of laborers on easier terms, and the wealth of the whole community will be augmented by the application of fresh industry to the profitable development of our real capital, the soil covered by our forests.

To thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the success of the Line of Steamers which, in the course of last Summer, have performed the voyage between *Liverpool* on the one hand, and *Quebec* and *Montreal* on the other; to assure His Excellency that this House will rejoice with him to see a Weekly Line established by this route, and to agree with His Excellency that, as it is, the character of *Canada* and the advantages of the *St. Lawrence* as a channel of communication with the old world have become much better known, and that to attract to our shores a large portion of the passenger traffic from *Europe*, is an object of high importance to our commerce.